Outlook

RE: Just because I don't know who to ask

From SonneBlauma Danscz <sonneblauma@hotmail.com>
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Valuable two cents - thanks for listening Kaita. I knew I asked the right person!
I hate this process sometimes. We made some progress today chatting and I'm beginning to write down what we agree to - so we have a point of reference. This work is so difficult!
Thanks for the offer to listen . . . might check in tomorrow if we aren't out hiking.
LOVE,
M.
p.s. nice job with Nebula getting flyers around town! I unburied one covered up today when out and about.

I am sending this over a decade later.

Kaita: I am sending this 13 years later, without "fawning".

With all due respect, your response is such that it adds fuel and energy to what I experienced is over 30 years of gaslighting, coercive control, and domestic violence behind a very sweet mask, that was what I left in August.

I am sorry, being emotionally invested, and deeply invested, is bullshit.

I was exploited, financially extracted from, and while it is true, his brother's foundation and his father donated finances to the organization, it was a lie that he contributed significantly.

I went through the minutes, the work records, the financial records, the books, and I am taking my mana back.

With domestic violence, in my view, you don't get to be friends with "both".

If you are friends with someone who does deep damage to a friend, and you want to remain friends with both, well, forget it, I don't want this in my orbit, so I release you to the ethers, and say, I learned a lot, about people in this experience, and I learned, that I was naive, and gave to a fault.

Date: Sat, 22 Sep 2012 08:46:20 -0700
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Dear Misa,

I'm sorry that you're going through this tough time, and I appreciate that you have chosen to share with me. I'm sure that I don't know all of the details of this situation, but from what I do know, here is my two cents: Sonneblauma certainly wouldn't have existed without you--I am continually impressed and grateful for all the energy you have poured into SonneBlauma and ArtBark and the gifts you have given to me and the rest of the dance community. But even if you hold most of the sweat equity, over the years, I have noticed that Stephen is also deeply committed and invested in these projects in his own way. Not only as a support to you, but also as a contributing artist. From that perspective, it doesn't surprise me that he would feel as if he played a major role, and that he would feel a loss for ending SonneBlauma and even some entitlement to having his thoughts and feelings considered.
It seems to me that if you are a leader in a project and bring in your partner and make them a contributing member, then inevitably, you will have to listen and consider and value their perspective. On a small scale, I can relate--when Mike started trying to get me on board for the summer study, I was resistant. My contribution was not small, but when I look at the nuts and bolts of contribution, Mike has given way more time and effort to the project than I have...and yet I have grown to feel quite invested in the project, and graciously, Mike has considered my perspective so that it has started to feel like OUR project and not just his.

I love you both, and hope you can work through this in a way that brings you closer together. Let me know if you need to talk, I'll have some time on Sunday after rehearsal (after 2p).

love,
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Working it and trying to push through the growing pains. Something came up and I discovered my beloved feels as if he has played a major role in building up sonneblauma and now ArtBark. He can't forgive me for ending SonneBlauma. I was shocked because I was under the impression that I have carried the bulk of the workload and have been the prime instigator with many of the projects. I need a reality check - am I deceiving myself? I know I would never have been able to be a part of this unfolding without his support and help - but then again when I consider the nuts and bolts of the sweat equity. Maybe I am locked into some weird sick mis perception about this. I feel like I am going nuts! How can we get back to not hurting each other?
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